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JEFFERSON CITY WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO COUNTERFEIT CONSPIRACY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Jefferson City, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to participating in a conspiracy to pass counterfeit money.

Roni Diamond Greenwood, 26, of Jefferson City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to the charge contained in an April 15, 2005, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty today, **Greenwood**, who was employed as a clerk at a Target store, admitted that she accepted counterfeit money from co-conspirators who made purchases at her register on Dec. 6, and 7, 2003. During that time, Graves added, numerous counterfeit \$20 bills were passed at various businesses in Jefferson City.

Under federal statutes, **Greenwood** could be subject to a sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony P. Gonzalez. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service, the Jefferson City, Mo., Police Department and the Cole County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoi.gov/usao/mow/index.html